## CHAPTER 214

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6117 OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended.

Term of office.

Appointment of successor.

Section 1. That section six thousand one hundred and seventeen of the Consolidated Statutes be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The term of office of the State Geologist of the State of North Carolina shall expire with that of the Governor, and his successor shall thereafter be appointed by the incoming Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall be appointed in like way and manner and shall qualify."

Repealing clause.

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 6th day of March. A. D. 1923.

## CHAPTER 215

## AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN REGISTRATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Instruments registered without probate.

Registrations on defective probates.

Instruments may be read in evidence.

Registration on defective probates beyond State.

Date of instruments. Section 1. That in every case where it shall appear from the records in the office of the register of deeds of any county in the State that any instrument of writing required or allowed by law to be registered prior to January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, without any acknowledgment, proof, privy examination, or probate, or upon a defective acknowledgment, proof, privy examination, or probate, the record of such instrument may, notwithstanding, be read in evidence in any of the courts of this State, if otherwise competent.

Sec. 2. That in every case where it shall appear from the records in the office of the register of deeds of any county in this State that any instrument required or allowed by law to be registered, bearing date prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, executed by any person or persons residing in any of the United States, other than this State, or in any of the territories of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, has been proven or acknowledged, or the privy examination of any feme covert taken thereto, before any officer or person authorized by any of the laws of this State